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Dear FDA Staff:

Refer to Docket #98N-1038, *Irradiation in the production,
processing and handling of food.*

Thank you for your diligence to protect and help our nation with
safe foods. We understand that irradiation destroys vitamins and
causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not
noticeable or expected by those of us who prepare and eat foods.
Would the health of our future generations be affected by the
radioactive properties being considered for convenience and
profit? This risky technology may look good, but the proposed
terms, *electronic pasteurization* and *cold pasteurization* are
misleading and should not be used.

For your protection and good name, we request that all irradiated
foods be clearly labeled *IRRADIATION* or *IRRADIATED* WITH the
radura symbol and an expiration date. This will at least enable
the public to choose as consumers.

Sincerely,

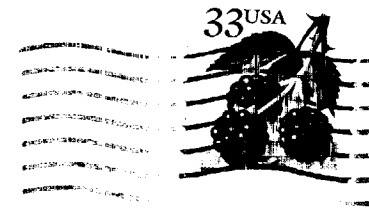
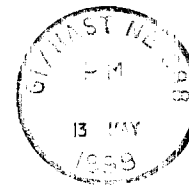
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